



**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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| Application # | 10/529,394 |
| Confirmation # | 6724 |
| Filing Date | 03/28/2005 |
| First Inventor | BEART |
| Art Unit | 2838 |
| Examiner | MURALIDAR, Richard V. |
| Docket # | P08594US00/RFH |

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SIR:

Prior to examination:

A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

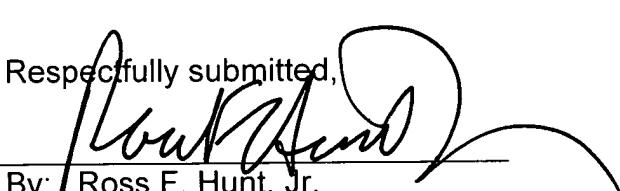
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Date: January 28, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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